Dear Les, 9/16/77

After I read the column this morning I intended to write you about it and other matters but the day conspired against it.

I have not discussed the Fat Man matter with any other reporter although on impulse I may if it seems like a good idea. Burton not havingx called I take it the column has no present plans for going further with that. I've forgotten to ask Jim's opinion of my saying or doing anything.

We did talk, which is why I write now. I'll be in Washington on Wednesday, 9/21, for a conference at DJ and with the FBI. I do not know how long it will last. I'd prefer to be ableto make a 2 p.m. bus back so I won't have a great amount of time unless I can arrange for a ride back later. The buses after 2 are too crowded. While I think I am again up to that trip by bus I known I can't stand long.

You have your own busy schedule but in the event you would like to talk to me about anything probably beginning about lunch time it will be possible. I'll be with Jim Lesar, whose office phone I've forgotten.

My recollections are not clear but Jim and I were onto Tungsun Park's life in late 1972 or early 1973. I was then teaching Jim how to trace through public sources and he did very well. He came up with what clearly were CIA assets and proprietaries long before this kind of thing was published. I'm not at all sure that all have been published. My copies are with a young woman named Sue Byrnes who lived in Arlington. I knew her first when she was a student at local Hood college. She was later a detail person with the drug house that makes Sudafed if she is not in the phone book. You are welcome to that work if Jim agrees. If I showed him how and he did it for me I have to regard it as his work except in some areas I'm not sure I am ready to discuss with you because you might find it to be a burden when I am not yet decided to give it away. Of the unwrapable material I think going farthur with the George Towne Club and what has escaped public attention, George Towne Properties might be productive.

I was following up Watergate leads. There is a fascinating and significant untold story. Stories. This was one of those stemming from Hunt, E. Howard. There never was any real Watergate investigation, journalistic or official. Says he with a sneer.

Digression: I don't think Jack would go for it but Leon Jaworski, quite aside from how one views his recordsas Watergate prosecutor, is a long-time launderer of CIA funds (Park, like CTOA, like CIA) and an experienced whitewasher about whom our mutual friend Lonnie can tell you and about whom I have a fat file. Nice recent quotes on dredging up this past when he was caught by surprise after taking the present job.

There are some things I'd like to talk to you about not for the column. I have just learned something about the nature of the arterial problem I have along with the older vein problems, which were serious enough if they have not multiplied. This leads me to concern about the abundance of material I have and what I regard as valuable literary properties. If you recall about two years ago I suggested that one of your people who is a novelist might find some use for what I'd put together on the CIA's mind-bending. Well, just suppose a novel were out now with the recent revelations and the upcoming hearings? There are other illustrations. I don't like being Merlin, the man who remembers the future. But I would like being a le to find some use for some of these things that would enable me to get some help. Now that I have to spend more of my time walking and have some physical limitations other than age I need help more.

If you are willing to talk about what you may be able to see as possibilities I'd appreciate it and would undertake to do it at your convenience.

Meanwhile, a further Park suggestion: have one of your bright young ones check the clubs membership. I presume they'll not give you a copy or one going back for years. You'll find some interesting people in Park's private club. You can also pick some up from social and other registers- and from talkingx mebers. Best,